

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are in the application; claims 7-8 are withdrawn.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) for not showing reference signs mentioned in the description is respectfully requested.

The Examiner refers to reference numerals 37, 37'; 38, 38'; 39, 39'; 40 and 40'. Reference numerals 39, 39', 40, 40' have been canceled from the specification. A corrected drawing Fig. 3 is submitted showing reference numerals 37, 37', 38, 38'.

The examiner furthermore refers to reference signs 21, 21', and y-y shown in the drawing but not mentioned in the specification. The specification has been amended to include the missing reference signs.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings as failing to show every feature of the invention as claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.83(a) is respectfully requested.

The examiner points out that the bearings of claim 2 are not illustrated. The bearings have been canceled from claim 2.

The specification has been amended to include proper headings (37 CFR 1.77(b)) and to remove reference to the claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 to 6 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is respectfully requested.

The antecedence problems in claims 1, 2, and 6 have been corrected. In claim 2, reference to the method has been eliminated.

In response to the examiners remarks concerning the language "means of holding elements" in claim 1, the wording "means of" has been cancelled. The examiner also objected to the term "force means" in claim 6. Claim 6 has not been amended because "force means" has been clearly defined in the specification (see page 5, second to last paragraph, of the literal translation).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 101 as embracing two different statutory classes of invention is respectfully requested. The reference to the method has been canceled in claim 2.

Claims 1-6 would be allowable if written or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The

enclosed amended claims are believed to have overcome all rejections presented in the office action and should therefore be allowable.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

Respectfully submitted, ✓

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